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The Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM), Child Abuse Training Services (CATS), in cooperation with the Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council (PACC), the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect (GTF) is pleased to present this cross-professional specialized Child Abuse Training Seminar entitled, "Forensic Interviewing of Children, An Introduction to the Forensic Interviewing Protocol".

This seminar is designed for professionals who are involved with child abuse investigations or prosecution, including prosecuting attorneys, assistant prosecuting attorneys, CPS workers, police officers and CAC interviewers. The seminar is designed to increase your understanding of the primary features of forensic interviewing and provide information to enhance your interviewing skills.

The conference will take place November 7 – 8, 2013, at the DoubleTree Bay City Riverfront, located at One Wenonah Park Place in Bay City, MI 48708. Registration will begin on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8, 2013. Please register early since the registration is limited to 30 people.

There is no registration fee for this training. DHS employees may attend this training with approval from local office management. Attendees are responsible for overnight accommodations, transportation, meals and other incidental costs. Please register early since registration is limited. PAAM must give priority to the target group and reserves the right to limit the number of attendees from the same agency.

LOCAL OFFICES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TRAVEL COSTS. DHS employees attending from the same community should car pool to reduce travel expenses. Employees traveling over 100 miles one way can request reimbursement for overnight accommodations (see the registration materials for more information on hotel accommodations).

DHS employees who fail to attend, arrive late, depart early or attend only portions of this training session will not receive credit for this training. Local offices may be contacted and informed of employees failing to meet attendance expectations.

For registration questions, please contact Jennifer Doerr from PAAM at DoerrJ@michigan.gov or (517) 334-6060, extension 836.

SPECIALIZED CHILD ABUSE TRAINING

FORENSIC INTERVIEWING OF CHILDREN

An Introduction to the Forensic Interviewing Protocol

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The Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM), Child Abuse Training Services (CATS), in cooperation with the Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council (PACC), Department of Human Services (DHS), and Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect (GTF), is pleased to present a regional, cross-professional Specialized Child Abuse Training seminar on the topic of Forensic Interviewing of Children. This training will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 7 and conclude by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8, 2013.

This seminar is designed for prosecuting attorneys, assistant prosecuting attorneys, CPS workers, police officers, and CAC interviewers who are involved with child abuse investigations or prosecution. The training is designed to increase your understanding of the primary features of forensic interviewing and provide information to enhance your interviewing skills. The Forensic Interviewing training provided by the Child Abuse Training Services (CATS) department within PAAM is the only DHS and GTF approved Forensic Interviewing training within the state.

Michigan's Forensic Interviewing Protocol was developed in conjunction with the DHS and the GTF. The goal of a forensic interview is to obtain a statement from a child in a developmentally sensitive, unbiased, and truth-seeking manner that will support accurate and fair decision-making in the criminal justice and child welfare systems. Topics to be covered include:

- Pre-interview preparation.
- Interviewer guidelines.
- Conducting a phased interview.
- Special topics/children with special needs.
- Guidelines for questioning children.

Please find enclosed a copy of the registration form for the seminar. There is no tuition charge or charge for materials for this seminar. Attendees are responsible for overnight accommodations, transportation, meals, and other incidental costs. If there are specific questions you would like to have addressed at the seminar, please list them on the registration form, and the questions will be provided to the speakers in advance. This Forensic Interviewing seminar is MCOLES approved and qualifies for 12 Social Work CE units.

Please register early since registration is limited to 30 people. When space at seminars is available, we welcome participation from professionals in addition to DHS CPS workers, law enforcement, and prosecutors.

Confirmation regarding seminar attendance will be sent out approximately 2 weeks prior to the seminar date.

Overnights for this conference will be at a different hotel (Holiday Inn - 2 miles away) for the state rate. Please contact Jennifer Doerr if you need overnight accommodations. You, or your agency, are responsible for paying for overnight accommodations.

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(One form per person. Duplicate if necessary. Please type or print clearly.)

Name: _____

Please select the category that best describes your current job description:

☐ CAC Forensic Interviewer

☐ CAC other

DHS (choose below)

☐ CPS worker/investigator

☐ Foster Care worker

☐ Other: i.e. Adoption, Licensing,
Manager, Supervisor, etc.

☐ Law enforcement

☐ Medical personnel (SANE, MD)

☐ Private Agency (FC, Adoption, etc.)

☐ Prosecutor/Assistant

☐ Tribal CPS

☐ Tribal PA/APA

☐ Tribal Other

☐ Victim advocate/witness professional

☐ Other - be specific:

Title: _____ County: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: (for seminar confirmation)

Signature

Your signature is your guarantee that you will attend both days of training

Confirmation details for this seminar will be sent out approx. 2 weeks prior to the seminar date.

Fax this form to the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, Child Abuse Training Services office at (517) 334-6787 by November 1, 2013.

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